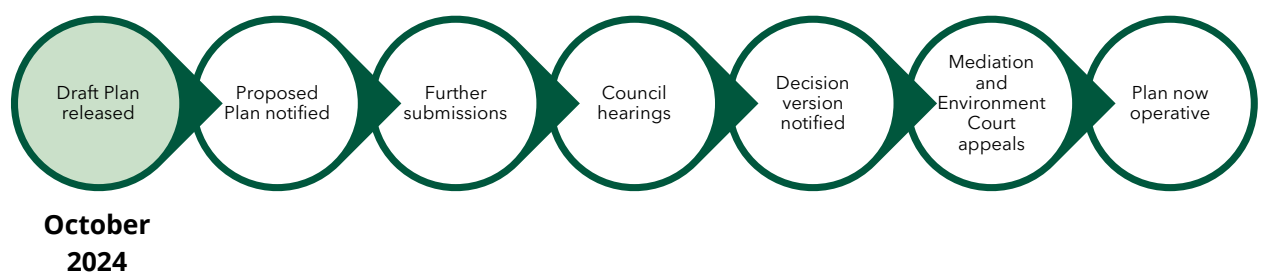


Plan Change 25

Waipa District | October 2024

What is Plan Change 25?

The intent of draft Plan Change 25 is to provide better clarity in how crop protection happens in the rural zone. Primarily the use and provisions for artificial crop protection structures and shelterbelts.



Key changes /provisions

- Oppose 15m setback for artificial crop protection structures and suggested 1m setback.
- Green or black shade cloth colours should only be used on unobscured road facing sides of ACPS for safety reasons, or within 15m of and existing dwelling on a boundary. All other sides, or ACPS that have boundary shelterbelts or vegetative plantings that hide the ACPS should have no limitations on shade cloth colouring.
- Add a definition for Crop Support Structures.
- Shelterbelts are an important functional part of the rural character of the rural zone.

Summary of HortNZ submission

HortNZ generally supports the intent of Plan Change 25, we are concerned that the rules proposed, in particular for artificial crop protection structures, are too restrictive and will likely see the retirement of highly productive land.

HortNZ argues the environmental effects of shelterbelts and artificial crop protection structures are minor at best.

WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [Draft Plan Change 25 - Shelterbelts and Crop Protection Structures - Waipa District Council](#)
- Keep an eye on HortNZ's website [Home | Horticulture New Zealand – Ahumāra Kai Aotearoa](#)
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